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at1119paper: Complete the Square, $b = \text{odd}$ (v516)

Example

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 39x = -270$$

Add $\left(\frac{-39}{2}\right)^2$, which equals $\frac{1521}{4}$, to both sides of the equation.

$$x^2 - 39x + \frac{1521}{4} = \frac{441}{4}$$

Factor the left side.

$$\left(x + \frac{-39}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{441}{4}$$

Undo the squaring.

$$\begin{aligned} x + \frac{-39}{2} &= \frac{-21}{2} \\ x &= \frac{39 - 21}{2} \\ x &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or} \\ x &+ \frac{-39}{2} = \frac{21}{2} \\ x &= \frac{39 + 21}{2} \\ x &= 30 \end{aligned}$$

Question 1

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 + 7x = 294$$

Question 2

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 + 59x = -868$$

Question 3

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 + 47x = 1898$$